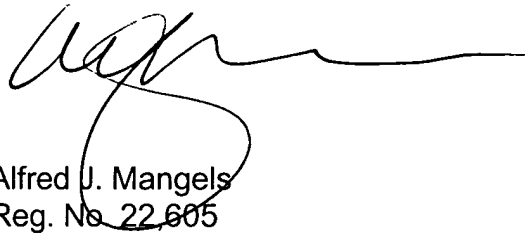


REMARKS

Several of the claims have been amended to delete multiple claim dependency.

Should the examiner have any question after considering this Preliminary Amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alfred J. Mangels', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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